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Travel Alert issued for Grand Forks, Drayton and surrounding areas

The North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) and the North Dakota Highway Patrol have issued a **Travel Alert** for Grand Forks, Drayton, and surrounding areas due to blowing and drifting snow creating areas of scattered ice and reduced visibility. Conditions are such that **motorists can still travel** in these areas, but should be advised that challenging winter driving conditions may exist. Motorists are encouraged to reduce speeds and drive according to the conditions.

Other conditions

- The **No Travel Advisory** has been **LIFTED** in the Williston, Minot and surrounding areas, although a **Travel Alert** is still in effect due to blowing snow, reduced visibility and ice on the roadways. Conditions are such that **motorists can still travel** in these areas, but should be advised that challenging winter driving conditions may exist. Motorists are encouraged to reduce speeds and drive according to the conditions.
- A **No Travel Advisory** remains in effect for Jamestown, Valley City, Fargo, Wahpeton, Devils Lake, Rolla, Langdon, and surrounding areas due to high winds causing blowing snow, areas of near zero visibility, compacted snow and continuous ice on roadways. Motorists **should not travel** due to hazardous conditions which may make it unsafe to travel.
- ND Highway 13 from I-29 to Wahpeton **is blocked** due to drifting snow on the roadway. Motorists will need to use an alternative route.
- A **Travel Alert** is in effect for McClusky, Steele, and surrounding areas due to blowing and drifting snow creating icy conditions and reduced visibility. Conditions are such that **motorists can still travel** in these areas, but should be advised that challenging winter driving conditions may exist. Motorists are encouraged to reduce speeds and drive according to the conditions.

All travelers are encouraged to monitor road conditions as weather conditions occur and use caution while traveling. For road information, call 511 from any type of phone or go to the website: www.dot.nd.gov. NDDOT releases information to inform the public about travel conditions throughout the state. The three categories are as follows: